



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

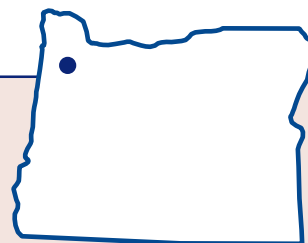
## *Portland, OR*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Portland was selected to receive an assessment grant. The City of Portland, which is an EPA brownfields Showcase Community, contains more than 500 brownfields. North and northeast Portland contains 113 brownfields and has been designated as a federal Enterprise Community. Portland residents have been actively involved in the city's brownfields projects since 1998. Beginning in 1998, members of the community led an effort to refocus the city's Showcase Community program from larger projects in the downtown area to smaller projects in the low-income areas of north and northeast Portland. A Citizens Advisory Committee oversees the identification and evaluation of the sites considered for assessment,



### Assessment Grant

New  
2003

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

*\$125,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the City of Portland for a brownfields assessment grant. The city plans to use grant funds to conduct assessments of hazardous substances contamination at an abandoned warehousing site and to conduct assessments of petroleum contamination at a former gas station. In addition, grant funds will be used to continue community outreach efforts.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields/](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/)

EPA Region 10 Brownfields Team  
206-553-2100  
<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth>

Click on "Superfund," scroll down and click on "Brownfields"

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503-823-2384

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Portland has received funding for assessment, revolving loan fund, and Showcase Community grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

cleanup, and redevelopment based on criteria that consider community benefit. Reuse plans are then developed collaboratively with surrounding neighborhoods.